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3)	) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is							
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposit	tion of Claims							
5)□ 6)⊠ 7)□	Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.  4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  Claim(s) is/are allowed.  Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.  Claim(s) is/are objected to.  Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.							
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

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1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on 11/29-2002. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Japanese application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

- 2. The references cited in the instant specification have been made of record.
- 3. In the Abstract, "means" should be deleted.
- 4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al(US 20030066719A1).

The effective date of the reference is 7-30-2002.

Figure 2 of Watanabe et al discloses coil spring 47, limiter 44 and wear compensating mechanism 15.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas C. Butler whose telephone number is 703-308-2575. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 5:30 am to 2pm. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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